

Holeček R. The influence of political competition on the development of parliamentarism in the Czech Republic

The author analyses the peculiarities of the influence of political competition on the development of parliamentarism in the Czech Republic. The institutional design of national power structures that was selected at the beginning of 1990 is described as the important precondition of democratic consolidation in the Czech Republic during the following decade. The parliament model of power distribution is analysed as that, which response to the political traditions of Czech society and, together with the local decentralization, is able to predict the political crisis. It is proved that Czech parliamentarism is a stable political institution, although, at the present stage, negative tendencies have emerged in the party life of Czech society.

The author investigates the main political tendencies of the Czech society's political life. Political parties' participating in the election process and the results of the parliamentary elections are analysed. It can be stated that political pluralism principals have been established in the Czech Republic, promoting a transition from the single-party system to the multiparty system.

The aim of this work is also to analyse the results of the elections to the Chamber of Deputies and define the factors behind the success of new political parties and also the factors behind the failure of the old political parties. It focuses primarily on the history of political parties, policy statements, marketing of political parties, development preferences, publicized information etc.

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